

House Resolution No. 4755

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have freely given of their time, effort, and leadership to ensure the highest possible quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Betty Nickell has attained considerable distinction as a 1956 graduate of Brookfield High School, member of the class of 1975 at Blessing Hospital School of Nursing, and Administrator of the Marion County Health Department and Home Health Agency, a position of utmost responsibility from which she will step down on December 31, 2003, after heading the organization for twenty-seven years; and

Whereas, Betty Nickell joined the staff of the Marion County Health Department as a community nurse in June 1976 and accepted the top position of Administrator on September 1 of that same year; and

Whereas, during her career Betty Nickell has observed such positive changes as the shift toward cooperative working relationships between acute care, physicians, and public health, and has endured such difficult matters as reduced funding and the curtailing of services; and

Whereas, a member of Park United Methodist Church who enjoys cooking, roses, and needlepoint, Betty Nickell is actively involved in Rotary, Hannibal Area Chamber of Commerce, and nurses professional organizations; and

Whereas, Betty Nickell is the beloved wife of Jim; loving mother of Stacey Franks, Steven Nickell, and Scott Nickell who followed her into the medical profession as a dentist; and grandmother of Laura Russell, Anne Russell, Ashley Nickell, Travis Nickell, Samantha Nickell, twins Sean and Spencer Nickell, and Stuart Nickell, all of whom are proud of her earlier receipt of Missouri Nurse of the Year honors a few years ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career accomplishments garnered by Betty Nickell down through the years and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Betty Nickell.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4755, adopted December 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker